

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A DC/DC voltage converter between a high-voltage electrical network and a low-voltage electrical network comprises a plurality of cells ~~(100, 200, ..., 600)~~ connected in parallel. Each cell ~~(100, 200, ..., 600)~~ comprises a chopper DC/DC converter and a single protection transistor ~~(13, 23, ..., 63)~~ preferably connected in a high-voltage portion of the converter ~~and thereby~~ enabling said any of the cells to be taken out of service independently of the other cells while minimizing power consumption in normal operation.